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For:

Novel Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides

Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the August 31, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 31, 2002. A check in the amount of \$980.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21272-029CIP2G) (formerly 787CIP2G). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- 1. Response to Notice To File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
- 2. Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Application (5 counterparts) (5pgs. each);
- 3. A copy of Notice To File Missing Parts of Application;
- 4. Petition For Five-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
- 5. Change of Attorney Docket Number;
- 6. Statement In Support of Substitute Specification;
- 7. Substitute Specification (118pgs.);
- 8. A Check in the amount of \$65.00, Check No. 12124 (for surcharge fee);
- 9. A Check in the amount of \$980.00, Check No. 12125 (for extension fee); and
- 10. Return Receipt Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21272-065CIP2E (Formerly 791CIP2E). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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